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SUBJECT: CURRENT SITUATION IN UGANDA

1. WELL-PLACED EUROPEAN CLERGYMAN RESIDENT IN UGANDA PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT CURRENT SITUATION IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFF IN NAIROBI ON MARCH 7.

A. PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS. SOURCE SAID GOU ACTIONS AGAINST CHRISTIANS IN RECENT WEEKS HAD BEEN CONCENTRATED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON PROTESTANTS. STRATEGY IS APPARENTLY TO DIVIDE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY BY ATTACKING PROTESTANTS FIRST, SINCE THEY ARE ASSOCIATED WITH OBOTE. FOREIGN MISSIONARIES, INCLUDING AMERICANS, HAVE GENERALLY BEEN WELL TREATED BUT MANY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT RENEWAL OF WORK PERMITS. SOME 300 MISSIONARIES-BOTH CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT, ARE DUE FOR RENEWAL IN APRIL.

B. MOSLEM LEADER. SOURCE CONFIRMED INFORMATION PUBLISHED NAIROBI STANDARD MARCH 7 THAT THE CHIEF KADHI OF UGANDA, SHEIKH YUSUF MATOVU, WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED IN ATTACK ON CONFIDENTIAL

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AUTOMOBILE IN WHICH HE WAS RIDING SEVERAL DAYS AGO. SOURCE COULD NOT COMMENT ON REASONS FOR ATTACK, WHICH PRESS ATTRIBUTES TO NUBIAN SOLDIERS. THE CHIEF KADHI WAS REPORTEDLY RETURNING FROM PRESIDING AT WEDDING OF DAUGHTER OF VICE-PRESIDENT MUSTAFA AND WAS IN MUSTAFA'S CAR; THUS IT POSSIBLE THAT MUSTAFA WAS INTENDED VICTIM OF ATTACK.

C. CUBANS. SOURCE IS IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH CLERGY THROUGHOUT UGANDA AND BELIEVES HE WOULD BE AWARE OF ANY SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF CUBANS IF THEY WERE IN UGANDA. HE HAS NEITHER SEEN NOR HEARD OF CUBANS EXCEPT A FEW TECHNICIANS ADVISING SUGAR INDUSTRY.

2. SOURCE FELT THERE WAS NO CAUSE FOR CONCERN ABOUT AMERICANS IN UGANDA, SOME OF WHOM HE WORKS DIRECTLY WITH. PREVAILING OPINION AMONG HIS CONTACTS WAS THAT SUMMONS FROM AMIN WAS FOR PURPOSE OF BIG PROPAGANDA SHOW, IN PART TO DISTRACT ATTENTION FROM KILLINGS OF UGANDANS.

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